

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air an anti-Kerry documentary days before the election is a clear example of the dangers of media consolidation.

Sinclair uses the public airwaves free of charge, and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. But when large companies control the airwaves, we get more of what's good for the bottom line and less of what we need for our democracy. Instead of something produced at "News Central" far away, it's more important that we see real people from our own communities and more substantive news about issues that matter.

It is unacceptable that Sinclair air a documentary that is anti-Kerry, while not giving equal air time to an anti-Bush documentary. The American people should be able to see all sides of a story, not just a side of a story from someone who "purchased" air-time. This is unacceptable in America and unfair to Independents and Democrats alike.

Sinclair's actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. They show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than a returned postcard. Thank you for your time and understanding in this matter.